

REMARKS

In the Claims

Claims 17-27 are pending and allowed. Applicant has cancelled claims 1-16 and amends claim 27 herein.

In the Notice of Allowance, Examiner Collins added new claim 27 as an Examiner's amendment.

Applicant amends the Examiner's claim 27 to correct the antecedent basis of the preamble. Claim 27 is dependent upon claim 17. Applicant amends claim 27 to properly recite the preamble of claim 17. Amended claim 27 contains no new matter and its entry is respectfully requested.

Support for claim 27 can be found in the originally-filed specification at page 13, lines 13-16 (second full paragraph, first sentence).

Affirmation of Telephone Election

On 16 July 2008, in a telephone conference between Examiner Collins and Roberta D. German (Applicant's patent representative), Ms. German elected without traverse the invention of Group II which includes claims 17-26.

Applicant hereby affirms the election of claims in Group II.

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CONCLUSION

Entry of this amendment and the foregoing remarks in the file of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested. If any issues remain in connection with the claims, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone to discuss the same.

No fee is deemed necessary for filing this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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